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Thomas Taylor's

Solemn Declaration

To Clear himself from that Wicked Aspersion of being a Jesuit, and from Popery, &c.

I Thomas Taylor do in the Presence of Almighty God, Solemnly Profess, and in good Conscience Declare, It is my Real Judgment, That the Church of *Rome* is not the Church of *Christ*, nor the Pope or Bishop of *Rome* Christ's Vicar, and that his or her Doctrines of deposing Heretical Princes, and absolving their Subjects of their Obedience, of Purgatory and Prayers for the Dead, of Indulgencies and Worshipping of Images, of Adoring and Praying to the Virgin *Mary*, and other Saints Deceased; and of Transubstantiation or Changing the Elements of Bread and Wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, at or after the Consecration thereof by any Person whatsoever: Are False, Erroneous, and Contrary to the Truth of God declared in the Holy Scriptures. And therefore the Communion of the said Church is Superstitious and Idolatrous.

And I do likewise Sincerely Testifie and Declare, That I do, from the bottom of my Heart, Detest and Abhor all Plots and Conspiracies, that are or may be Contrived against the King, Parliament, or People of this Realm. And I do hereby Faithfully Promise, with God's help, to Live a Sober and Peaceable Life, as becometh a good Christian and Protestant to do. And all this I do Acknowledge, Intend, Declare and Subscribe, without any Equivocation, or Mental Reservation, according to the True Plainness, Simplicity, and usual Signification of the words.

Stafford the 7th of the
4th Month, 1679.

Witness my Hand

Thomas Taylor.

Dear



Dear George Whitehead,

THE Labour of Love in this present Business of mine, and
the Truths, is kindly Received, and the Reward rests with
thee in thy ovn Bosom, where our Heavenly Father abundantly
Answers and Satisfies his Children in and for all their Services
for his Names sake; So be it.

I have here enclosed, sent, subscribed my Testimony (as Friends
have given) against Popery, to shew as need is, in the Lord's
Power and Patience I shall overcome all; for so from the begin-
ning has been our Victory; having done what, in the Light, the
Lord hath given us to see to be our Duty; to leave all to
him whom both the Winds and Seas Obey. In whose Dear Peace,
with Tender Love to thee, thy Wife and all Friends, with Prayers
to the Lord for his Presence and Assistance with you in all your
Holy Affairs at this and all times, with his Protection over you,
Rests

Stafford, the 7th of the
4th Month, 1679.

Thine Dearly in Christ Jesus

Thomas Taylor.

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